

Hunting Pre-Registration Form – 2013

Camp Edwards (Otis/Massachusetts Military Reservation)

MassWildlife – Southeast District
Camp Edwards Deer Hunt
195 Bournedale Road
Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Permission to hunt Camp Edwards is at the discretion of the Camp Commander!

Changes in base security status may result in cancellation of the hunt.

Hunters must only pre-register by November 1 each year if they have not registered or participated in the controlled deer hunting program anytime within the previous five calendar years.

Deer hunting will only be allowed on the following 2013 season dates:

Archery: Nov. 7 (Thurs.) through Nov. 9 (Sat)
Shotgun: Dec. 9 (Mon.) through Dec. 14 (Sat.)
Muzzleloader: Dec. 19 (Thurs.) through Dec. 21 (Sat.)

Due to increased security concerns throughout the country, including the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR), access is restricted and necessitates a pre-registration of hunters. The MMR includes Camp Edwards, the Otis Air National Guard Base, Air Station Cape Cod and other areas. Hunting has been available on the Camp Edwards section of the MMR since 1956 through a permit system and controlled hunt managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and cooperating agencies. Hunters should be aware that some areas of MMR will be closed to hunting because of active programs to investigate and remediate groundwater contamination of the Cape Cod sole-source aquifer. Maps depicting these areas will be provided at the Otis Fish and Game Club during check-in and will be available at the Southeast District Office. Any/all hunting and trespassing violations will result in suspension of privileges to hunt on Camp Edwards, in addition to fines, etc. issued under State or Federal law. A controlled public hunt is necessary for managing the local deer population density to protect the MMR's natural resources and to reduce deer/vehicle collisions and the incidence of Lyme disease. Hunters who want to deer hunt on Camp Edwards must pre-register using this form, comply with all regulations pertaining to this hunt and undergo a daily check in and check out*. All vehicles entering the base must have valid insurance, inspection stickers and registration.

MassFishHunt Customer ID Number _____

Name _____

Street Address _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ -- _____ -- _____

FID/LTC Number _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____ / ____

(A valid FID or LTC is required to hunt Camp Edwards/Otis during the Shotgun and Muzzleloader seasons. A valid FID or LTC is not required for the archery season, but a valid photo ID will be required.)

Drivers License Number _____ State MA or _____

Vehicle Plate Number _____ State MA or _____

I certify all information is true and correct.

Signature

Date

**Hunters must check in at the Otis Fish and Game Club located off Connery Avenue before being allowed on the base. There is a limit of 500 pre-registered hunters allowed on the base at any one time and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Hunters may be subject to a background check, must take a map of the legal hunting areas, must fill out a liability release form and must return the daily permits at the Otis Fish and Game Club no later than one hour after sunset. Information on the hunt may be obtained from MassWildlife at 508-759-3406.*

Camp Edwards/Otis/MMR Deer Hunt

General Information for Hunters

Changes in base security or training status may result in cancellation or modification of the hunt.

Camp Edwards (also known as Otis Air Force Base or the Massachusetts Military Reservation) is located in the towns of Bourne and Sandwich on Cape Cod. A controlled hunt is the only hunting allowed at Camp Edwards. Camp Edwards is an active military training area and access is strictly controlled. About 11,000 acres will be open to hunting. The hunting area is dominated by pitch pine - scrub oak habitat and is separated into sections by marked dirt roads. The topography has many hills and hollows typical of the terminal moraine.

Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration is open to all licensed hunters.

To be eligible to hunt Camp Edwards, hunters must complete the pre-registration form and submit it to the Southeast Wildlife District by November 1, unless they have pre-registered or participated in the controlled deer hunting program within the past five calendar years. Hunters may be subject to a background check and permission to hunt is at the discretion of the Base Commander.

Mail or Deliver Completed Forms to:

**MassWildlife – Southeast District
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Buzzards Bay, MA 02532**

Daily Check-In Procedures

Hunters must enter the base from the MMR Rotary and follow the signs on Connery Avenue to the Otis Fish and Game Club building. There is a limit of 500 hunters allowed on the base at any one time and space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The gate to the Otis Fish and Game Club access road will open daily at 5 am.

Hunters must enter the Otis Fish and Game Club to be issued a daily permit. ***Particular emphasis will be placed upon the wearing of 500 square inches of hunter orange clothing or material on the head, chest and back while hunting as required by state regulations during the shotgun and primitive firearms seasons.***

If hunters have:

- ***pre-registered by November 1 (or have registered or hunted in the past 5 years) and passed security screens***
- ***reviewed and understand the un-exploded ordinance (UXO) informational materials***
- ***are dressed in hunter orange (not required during archery season)***
- ***possess a valid hunting/sporting license and a valid F.I.D. or L.T.C. card (not required during archery season)***
- ***filled out a liability release and indemnification form***

they will be issued a daily permit, along with a UXO information card, hunting area map and regulations. A vehicle pass will be issued to allow access through the Connery Avenue gate to the legal hunting areas off Frank Perkins Rd.

Hunters must comply with all pertinent laws and regulations including statewide hunting regulations, Camp Edwards hunting regulations and posted signs. Successful hunters must check their deer at the Otis Fish and Game Club. Passes must be returned to the Otis Fish and Game Club at the end of the hunting day. **Passes must be returned no later than 1 hour after sunset!** Failure to comply with all rules and regulations will be just cause for denial of future deer hunting privileges at the Otis/Camp Edwards Military Reservation.

Directions to the Otis Fish and Game Club check in:

From the north: Take Route 3 south to the Sagamore Rotary, then take Route 6 west to the Buzzards Bay Rotary, cross the Cape Cod Canal and take Route 28 south to the Massachusetts Military Reservation Rotary. At the Massachusetts Military Reservation rotary, take the base entrance road, Connery Avenue (inbound), then take the first left, and then left onto Connery Avenue (Outbound). The next right is the unpaved access road to the Otis Fish and Game Club. Follow the dirt road until you see the Otis Fish and Game Club building.